

PATENT

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In the divisional application of) Examiner of Parent Application:
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For: **CATHETER HAVING A SOFT)** Group Art Unit: 3763
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend this application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"
insert the following new paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of application Serial Number
09/471,053, filed on December 21, 1999, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.—

IN THE DRAWINGS:

**In Fig. 4, add reference numeral 34 as indicated in red on the attached
photostatic copy of the drawing.**